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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED JANUARY 20
TO DR. V.A. ZEMSKY, CHIEF, LABORATORY OF MARINE MAMMALS,
VNIRO, 17 KRASNOSEL'SKAYA, WITH COPIES TO DR. I.V. NIKONOR-
OV, DIRECTOR, GLAVRYBVOD, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES; AND TO
KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

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17 KRASNOSEL'SKAYA
MOSCOW B-140, USSR

DEAR DR. ZEMSKY:

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROTOCOL OF THE PROJECT MEETING HELD
IN LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA IN JANUARY 1977, AND SUBSEQUENT

DISCUSSION BETWEEN DR. NIKONOROV AND MYSELF IN NOVEMBER

1977, AT THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF JOINT AND COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN 1978. THE U.S. SIDE URGENTLY REQUESTS INFORMATION ON SEVERAL OF THESE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE TAKING PLACE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1978.

3. THE ITEM OF GREATEST URGENCY INVOLVES THE VISIT OF 3 SOVIET SCIENTISTS TO THE HUBBS-SEA WORLD RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN SAN DIEGO WHICH DR. NIKOVOROV INDICATED WOULD TAKE PLACE IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY. DR. EVANS MUST HAVE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE DATES FOR THE VISIT AND THE NAMES OF THE VISITING SCIENTISTS. IT IS ALSO IMPERATIVE THAT WE KNOW WHETHER THE SOVIET VISITORS WILL BRING THE 2 CASPIAN SEALS WITH THEM, THAT ARE BEING GIVEN TO THE HUBBS-SEA WORLD RESEARCH INSTITUTE. DR. EVANS HAS ALL APPROPRIATE PERMITS AND DOCUMENTATION AND WILL MAKE WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET THE VISITORS AND SHIPMENT OF SEALS.

4. THE NEXT ITEM OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN DEALS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF 2 SOVIET SCIENTISTS IN THE CRUISE OF THE U.S. RESEARCH VESSEL SURVEYOR THAT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM EARLY MAY THROUGH MID JUNE OF 1978. MR. JOHN BURNS WILL BE CHIEF SCIENTIST FOR THAT CRUISE AND
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URGENTLY REQUESTS AN INDICATION OF WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THAT CRUISE, FOR HOW LONG, AND WHERE THE SOVIET SCIENTISTS WOULD LIKE TO BE PICKED UP IF THERE IS A

POSSIBILITY FOR DOING THAT AT A SOVIET PORT RATHER THAN THEIR FLYING ALL THE WAY AROUND THE WORLD TO ALASKA. HE INDICATES THAT A CRUISE PLAN WILL BE SENT BY THE END OF JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY.

5. TURNING TO ANOTHER ANTICIPATED WORK VISIT, DR. NIKONOROV INDICATED IN NOVEMBER THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AERIAL SURVEY OF BOWHEAD WHALES TO BE CONDUCTED IN APRIL AND MAY 1978. THIS INVITATION IS OPEN FOR 1 TO 2 SCIENTISTS AND WE WOULD NEED TO KNOW, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHO WILL COME AND FOR HOW LONG. I SHOULD MENTION THAT THE LODGING EXPENSES IN MOST CITIES IN ALASKA TODAY ARE QUITE HIGH AND THE 1 OR 2 PARTICIPANTS SHOULD PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR

DAILY COSTS OF APPROXIMATELY 75.00 DOLLARS. WE WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE THE SCIENTISTS COMING TO THE U.S. IN THE FUTURE TO PERHAPS PLAN ON GIVING SOME TALKS AT THE UNI-

VERSITY OF ALASKA OR SOMEWHERE DURING THEIR STAY. WE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO ARRANGE SEMINARS OR DISCUSSION SESSIONS ON MARINE MAMMAL TOPICS IN SIMILAR FASHION TO THE TYPES OF PRESENTATIONS THAT DRS. EVANS AND JOHNSON MADE DURING THEIR TRIP TO THE SOVIET UNION.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET CRUISE IN THE BERING AND CHUKCHI SEAS WHICH WAS RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH-APRIL TO LATE JUNE THROUGH LATE AUGUST OF 1978, DR. NIKONOROV INDICATED A CRUISE PLAN AND OTHER PERTINENT DETAILS WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN JANUARY. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE U.S. SIDE HAVE THIS INFORMATION ON THE CRUISE PLANS SO THAT THE MOST APPROPRIATE PARTICIPATION CAN BE ARRANGED. DUE TO HEAVY RESEARCH COMMITMENTS, AND TIMING OF THE JOINT UNCLASSIFIED

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PROJECT MEETING THE U.S. SIDE WOULD PREFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LAST 4 WEEKS OF THE PROPOSED CRUISE WITH EMBARKATION AND DEBARKATION TO TAKE PLACE IN THE CLOSE VICINITY OF THE ESKIMO VILLAGE OF GAMBELL ON THE WEST END OF ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND. THIS WOULD ENABLE SEVERAL KEY SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT MEETINGS IN EARLY JULY AS WELL AS FULFILL THEIR DOMESTIC RESEARCH COMMITMENTS.

7. MY DISCUSSIONS WITH DR. NIKONOROV INDICATED THE BEST DATES FOR THE NEXT PROJECT MEETING WERE THE FIRST 7 TO 10 DAYS OF JULY. I ALSO UNDERSTOOD FROM HIM THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD A MEETING IN THE BAIKAL REGION. THAT WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTING TO US INASMUCH AS YOU HAD INDICATED THE BAIKAL AREA AS A POSSIBILITY ON YOUR VISIT HERE LAST JULY. HOWEVER, THE MEETING SITE IS, OF COURSE, UP TO YOU, BUT I FEEL THE U.S. DELEGATION WOULD BENEFIT FROM MEETING IN OR NEAR MARINE MAMMAL RESEARCH FACILITIES, SUCH AS THE TINRO FAR EASTERN LABORATORIES IN MAGADAN (PINNIPEDS) OR VLADIVOSTOK (WHALES).

8. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE SEVERAL WORK VISITS AND COLLABORATIVE CRUISES THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AND I REQUEST THE ABOVE INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATION AND TIMES OF VISITS AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. SINCERELY, R.V. MILLER. VANCE

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